

2003 STOCK USE AND GRAZING REGULATIONS

These area-specific regulations supplement the minimum impact regulations and guidelines. In the regulations "stock use" refers to travel and camping with stock (horses, mules, burros, or llamas) and grazing in designated forage areas. Areas "closed to grazing" are open to stock travel and camping with stock provided they remain confined and are given substitute feeds. Areas "closed to stock" are closed to all stock access. Meadows with an asterisk (*) are temporarily closed to grazing or otherwise restricted for the 2003 season to allow for restoration.

KINGS CANYON NATIONAL PARK

South Fork San Joaquin River

Upper Goddard Canyon	Day rides only from one mile above Hell-for-Sure Junction to Martha Lake
Hell-for-Sure Pass	Unmaintained trail open to stock use
Upper Evolution Valley	One night grazing limit at McClure, Colby and Darwin (Upper Colby) Meadows
Lake 11,106'	Day rides only
Darwin Bench and Canyon	Closed to stock
Evolution Basin	Closed to grazing by horses and mules from Evolution Lake to Muir Pass; one night grazing for walking groups with burros or llamas
McGee Canyon	Unmaintained trail below 10,400' open to stock use; closed to stock above 10,400'

Middle Fork Kings River Drainage

Blue Canyon area	Unmaintained trail below 10,000' open to stock use; closed to stock above 10,000'
Goddard Creek Meadows	Closed to grazing from 10,200' to 10,400'
Big Pete Meadow	Upper, wooded portion of the meadow closed to grazing
Dusy Basin	Closed to grazing from lower lip of Basin to Bishop Pass, including Rainbow Lakes special food storage requirements in effect Memorial Day weekend to October 31.
Cataract Creek	Day rides only from John Muir Trail to the old mine, probably impassible
Cartridge Pass Trail	Unmaintained trail over Cartridge Pass open to stock use, probably impassible

Monarch Divide

Kennedy Canyon	Open to unrestricted off-trail stock use
Dougherty/Horseshoe Creeks	Open to unrestricted off-trail stock use except:
Shorty's Meadow	Two night grazing limit
Granite Basin	Open to unrestricted off-trail stock use except:
Granite Lake	Closed to grazing
Grouse Lake	Unmaintained trail open to stock use
Hotel Creek	Traditional off-trail routes and forage areas open to stock use

Woods Creek Drainage

Paradise Valley	Closed to grazing up to the Lower Castle Domes drift fence
Woods Lake Basin	Closed to grazing around Woods Lakeshore; unmaintained trail to Sawmill Pass open to stock use
Castle Domes Meadow	Fifteen head per party maximum; one night grazing limit
Woods Creek Crossing	Two meadows on south side of Woods Creek below camp area closed to grazing
Baxter Creek Drainage	Day rides and pass-through travel only from John Muir Trail to Baxter Pass
Sixty Lakes Basin *	Day use only; stock travel restricted to established trail to a point approximately 2.0 miles from the junction of the John Muir Trail with the Sixty Lakes Trail
Rae Lakes Basin *	Entire Basin closed to grazing, including Dragon Lake Meadow; special food storage requirements in effect Memorial Day weekend through October 31.

Bubbs Creek Drainage

Lower Bubbs Creek	Closed to grazing by horses and mules below the lower Junction Meadow drift fence; one night grazing for walking parties with burros or llamas
Sphinx Lakes	Unmaintained trail open to stock use
Junction Meadow (Bubbs)	Fifteen head per party maximum; one night grazing limit
East Lake	One night grazing limit; closed to grazing below the drift fence
Lake Reflection	Closed to stock
Vidette Meadow	Closed to grazing below the lower drift fence
Upper Vidette Meadow *	Temporarily closed to grazing
Vidette Lakes	Closed to stock
Center Basin	Day rides only above the John Muir Trail
Kearsarge/Bullfrog Lakes	Closed to grazing; low trail through basin closed to stock except spot trips to Kearsarge Lakes from the upper trail junction
Charlotte Lake Meadows	Meadows immediately above and below Charlotte Lake closed to grazing
Charlotte Creek Meadow	Two night grazing limit below the drift fence

Roaring River Drainage

Roaring River Drainage	Open to unrestricted off-trail stock use except:
Roaring River Ranger Sta.	Closed to public grazing on the west side of Roaring River from the Ranger Station down to the drift fence
Scaffold Mdw-JR Pasture	Administrative pasture closed to public use
Scaffold Mdw-Tourist Past.	Fifteen head per party maximum; two night grazing limit, including Lackey Pasture
Lackey Pasture *	Three head per party maximum; two night grazing limit
Cement Table Meadow	Fifteen head per party maximum; three night grazing limit
Grave Meadow	Fifteen head per party maximum; three night grazing limit
Ellis Meadow	Closed to grazing
Tom Sears Meadow	Closed to grazing
Seville Lake	Closed to grazing

SEQUOIA NATIONAL PARK

Middle and Marble Forks, Kaweah River Drainage

Lakes Trail		Trail to Heather, Emerald and Pear Lakes open for day rides only
Frontcountry Trails		Wolverton Cutoff, Alta, Panther Gap, and Seven Mile Trails open for day rides and pass-through travel only. High Sierra Trail closed to stock from Crescent Meadow to Wolverton Cutoff.
Giant Forest/Lodgepole		All meadows within five miles of Giant Forest Village (includes Crescent, Cahoon, Willow and Halstead Meadows) closed to grazing. All paved trails closed to stock.
Redwood Meadow	*	Lower (northern) section only open to private and commercial use, two-night limit
Granite Creek		Unmaintained trail from Redwood Meadow to upper Granite Creek open to stock use, probably impassible
Hamilton Lakes		Closed to grazing
Redwood Canyon		Closed to grazing (Kings Canyon National Park)

Mineral King Area, East and South Fork Kaweah River Drainage

Mineral King Valley and lake basins		Closed to grazing by horses and mules; one night grazing for walking parties with burros or llamas
Sawtooth Pass		Closed to stock from Monarch Lake to switchbacks below Columbine Lake
South Fork Kaweah River		Open to unrestricted off-trail stock use
Hockett Plateau		Open to unrestricted stock use except:
Hockett Pasture		Administrative pasture closed to public stock use
Mitchell Meadow		Closed to grazing
Summit Lake Meadow	*	Temporarily closed to grazing

West Kern Plateau

Chagoopa, Funston, Big Arroyo, Rattlesnake, Laurel and Coyote Creeks

West Kern Plateau		Open to unrestricted off-trail stock use except:
Big & Little Five Lakes		Closed to off-trail stock use; open to stock use within ½ mile of maintained trails
Little Five Lakes		Stringer meadow southeast of ranger station closed to grazing
Forester Lake Meadow	*	Temporarily closed to grazing

Kern River Canyon

Junction Meadow (Kern)	Fifteen	head per party maximum; one night grazing limit
Kern Hot Springs		Small meadow immediately adjacent to hot springs closed to stock
Lower Kern River Canyon		Open to unrestricted off-trail stock use below Kern Hot Springs except:
Upper Funston Meadow		Two night grazing limit; camp in designated sites if available
Lower Funston Meadow		Two night grazing limit; camp in designated sites if available
Lewis Camp Large Pasture		Administrative pasture closed to public stock use
Kern Station Small Pasture		Administrative pasture closed to public stock use

Upper Kern River

Kern-Kaweah, Upper Kern, Tyndall, Wright and Wallace Creeks

Milestone Basin		Special permit required. Permit requires: one party at a time; eight head, two night grazing limit; grazing permitted only north of Milestone Creek. No stock travel above 10,800'. Contact Wilderness Office for details.
Lake South America	Col Mdw	Small lake south of Lake South America and large meadow farther south along trail closed to grazing
John Dean Cutoff		Unmaintained trail from Tyndall Creek Ran. Sta. to Kern Canyon open to stock use
Shepherd Pass		Day rides and pass-through travel only within one mile of Shepherd Pass
Wright Creek Drainage		Unmaintained route below 11,200' open to stock use; day rides only above 11,200'
Wright Creek Closed Meadow		Side drainage in east-central Wright Lakes Basin closed to grazing
Wright to Wallace Creeks		Unmaintained route between Wright and Wallace Creek drainages open for day use and pass-through travel only
Wallace Creek Drainage		Unmaintained trail below 11,200' open to stock use; day rides only above 11,200'
Wallace Creek Waterfall	Mdw *	Six head per party maximum; one night grazing limit
Wallace Creek Closed	Mdw	Meadow one mile above Waterfall Meadow and ½ mile below Wallace Lake (at 11,140') closed to grazing

Kern Canyon Overlooks Open for day rides on unmaintained side routes

Whitney Creek

Mt. Whitney Trail		Open for day rides only from Timberline Lake to one mile above Guitar Lake
Guitar Lake		Closed to grazing by horses and mules; one night grazing for walking parties with burros or llamas
Timberline Lake		Closed to grazing
Crabtree Ranger Sta.	Stringer	Meadow along Whitney Creek adjacent to the ranger station closed to grazing
Crabtree Meadows		Parties larger than fifteen head should contact the ranger in selecting campsites and grazing areas at Lower Crabtree, Upper Crabtree, and Crabtree R.S. Meadows
Crabtree Lakes		Closed to stock above hitchrail located ½ mile below lower lake
Lower Whitney Creek	Mdw	Reopened for commercial and private grazing; consider using Sandy Meadow to aid further recovery
Kern Canyon Overlooks		Open for day rides on unmaintained side trails

Rock Creek

Lower Rock Creek		Unmaintained trail below Lower Rock Creek Crossing open to stock use
Guyot Creek and Meadow		Large meadow southwest of JMT crossing of Guyot Creek at 10,400' closed to grazing
Forgotten Cyn to Funston L.		Unmaintained trail open to stock use
Rock Creek R.S. Meadow		Wet meadow between ranger station and Pacific Crest Trail closed to grazing
Siberian Outpost		Unmaintained trail from Siberian Outpost to Boreal Plateau and Rocky Lakes Basin open to stock use
Upper Rock Creek		Two night grazing limit above Rock Creek Meadow #2 drift fence
Rock Creek Meadow #2		Small meadow immediately above drift fence closed to grazing
Rock Creek Stringer and Lower	*	Re-opened for limited commercial and unlimited private use; closed to administrative use
Rock Creek Lake Meadow		
Miter Basin		Unmaintained trail from Lower Rock Creek Lake to Primrose Lake outlet stream open to stock use; day rides only above Primrose Lake outlet stream
Kern Canyon Overlooks		Open for day rides on unmaintained side trails
Upper Soldier Lake		Two meadows above Upper Soldier Lake are closed to stock
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